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Commodore's Log: September-October (Football Season is here!!!) 2016 – Happy Football Season everyone and Go Bucks! That's short for Buckeyes, the mascot for The Ohio State University located in Columbus, OH. Or, if you are more of a pro

football fan, Go Ravens! Hahaha, to each his or her own for whichever team you claim from college or pro sports. I for one am so glad we are beginning to feel the drier climate of autumn as we fall headlong into the more comfortable weather of boating season (yes, pun intended). I don't know if any of you noticed, but August was brutal this year. We kept RhumbLine up in the Annapolis Yacht Basin marina for the month, but did not have any less humidity than locations on the Potomac. Worse, we didn't have adequate air conditioning to make our boat comfortable until the very end of August. But, I digress with my first world problems. So moving on...

September this year made for a very interesting boating month indeed. We started with the remnants of tropical storm Hermine significantly impacting the weather on the Chesapeake Bay. I had planned to cruise from Annapolis to Virginia Beach to attend the annual Labor Day Musical Festival, but decided to stay comfortable in our slip in Annapolis rather than cruise in 20-30kt winds, 3-4ft waves, and warnings for small craft advisories. We had an OYC cruise scheduled to Crisfield for Labor Day this year for their annual CrabFest, and I

regret the weather marred the plans of our boats that had planned to participate in that trip. You may be able to find an article about that cruise in this month's *Daymarker*, as several of our intrepid members at least headed south on the Potomac in that direction, even if they didn't make it all the way across the bay.

Thanks to our Rear Commodore Jerry Tarasek for all of his hard work on our monthly happy hours the first Friday of every month. Since the first Friday of September fell on Labor Day weekend the happy hour was canceled. But the following week provided a rip-roaring docktail party on B-Dock in Belmont Bay. All kinds of folks attended including OYC members and slipholders from A, E, and B docks. Maybe we even attracted some new members from those festivities. Look forward to our next OYC Friday Happy Hour on October 7th over at Occoquan Harbor Marina.

Let's all thank Jerry and his great team of volunteers for another fantastic Shrimpfest on Saturday, September 17th at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina. We had a great turnout with over 40 people and several passers-by who may prove to be interested in our club. We all had the opportunity to thank Jim Brooks, the harbor master, for opening up his space in front of the office at the head of the gas dock entrance to the marina. It was great work on the part of Jerry and Suzy and Greg Cumbey for all the shrimp boiling and preparation and Pat and Harry for checking people in and running the 50/50, won by the Browns. Many thanks to all our other members who arrived early and helped us set up tents and tables and chairs. As many thanks to all of those who stayed after to help take everything down after the event.

After the next Friday happy hour (10/7), our following big event is the **General Membership Meeting and Chili Cook-off on October 23rd, which is a Sunday.** We'll again be voting on the winning chili, so put your best effort forward and bring your taste buds for a worthwhile culinary extravaganza! The big event for the October meeting is the election of next year's officers. Our By-laws guide most of the proceedings. The slate is completed by a committee and presented to the Secretary no later than one month prior to the October meeting and to the membership no later than two weeks prior to the meeting. You may have already seen an email blast from our Immediate Past Commodore, Bud Bishop, about the nominees for 2017's slate. His report is reiterated in the Immediate Past Commodore's article this month.

2017 OYC Slate • Bob Hill, Commodore • Jerry Tarasek, Vice Commodore • Wayne Beale, Rear Commodore • Jeff Houghy, Secretary • Johnny Deditius, Treasurer

To close out my log, don't forget our two big November events with the Hardy Souls Cruise to National Harbor and the Change of Watch at the Officer's Club on Ft Belvoir. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming land events and while the weather is still cooperating – out on the water!

Pat Schondel & Vanessa Athena, RhumbLine
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VICE COMMODORE

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VC October 2016 Daymarker

I can't believe it, but summer is official over! ☹ We've had some great cruises and land events this year, and the fun's not over yet! We still have one of our favorite cruises to go in November, the Hardy Souls cruise to National Harbor 4-7 November. If you are interested in

going there may still be time to sign up. Please contact IPC Bud Bishop to see if he can get you in at National Harbor.

We also have our Change of Watch, and this year we will be returning to the Fort Belvoir Officers Club on 12 November. Save the date, as everyone always has a great time at this black tie optional event. The "Admirals" in the club love this, as it is one of the few times a year that they get the "Captains" in the club to wear more

than a tee-shirt and bathing suit! LOL The room we will be in is the Potomac Room which has a commanding view of the Potomac River, dance floor and a patio for those smokers in our group. We are hoping to have at least 60 attend this year. Min and I have eaten there several times in the past month to check out the food. We have had lunch, brunch and dinner now, and I can tell you that the food is very, very good! In fact, Min said Fort Belvoir was both the best brunch and the best seafood dinner buffet we have been to in years. That's saying something! We have not finalized the cost but are targeting \$70 per person which would be \$10 less than last year.

Due to Hurricane, turned Tropical Storm, Hermine, we had to cancel the Crisfield's cruise over Labor. We had as many as twelve boats going, and it was sure to be a good time thanks to the planning of Jerry and Susan Tarasek. Cancelling was the right call. Safety is always our priority. We understand that Somers Cove Marina had 108 boats planning on attending and 85 cancelled. Reports from one of the folks who did go was, the weather was bad enough (even on Monday) for them to rent a car to drive home and return the following weekend to get their boat.

Again I am thanking Jerry for a great job at the Shrimpfest. We've kept you busy this year, for sure! And you've done a great job!

Upcoming Events:

October:

7 Oct – 1st Friday Happy Hour

23 Oct – General Membership Meeting

November:

4- 6 Nov – Hardy Souls Cruise to National Harbor

12 Nov – OYC Change of Watch

SAVE THE DATE!

November 12th, 2016

**This year the
Occoquan Yacht Club
Change of Watch
will be celebrated**

at

The Fort Belvoir Officers' Club

Black tie optional

Min and I look forward to seeing you on the docks and at our upcoming events! And, as always, please be safe out on the waters!

Bob and Min Hill, *Lady Min*

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REAR COMMODORE

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Our OYC held its annual Shrimpfest event on Saturday September 17th at Belmont Bay Marina. Approximately 41 members and guests attended. It was a feast; and yes, we had more shrimp and beer than we could eat and drink, with leftovers galore. I must admit, when it comes to partying, OYC does it right. A special thanks to Bruno, Greg, Dan, Pat and Harry for helping to set up, tear down and run the event. A shout out to Brian Field for bringing the keg of premium beer. Greg and I, and many others, tried our best but could not kill it. Ilana, our Quartermaster, had what I believe to be a great sales day; and I think my wife completed about half of her Christmas shopping at the Shrimpfest event. We also held a 50/50 raffle; and the cash pot climbed up to \$160 with half going to our winner Gary Brown, *TWO*, who claimed \$80 and attributed the winning to the "Luck of the Irish." Finally, we would like to extend a special thank you to Jim Brooks and the folks at Belmont Bay Marina for allowing OYC to set up and have our event at their marina.



EAT, DRINK, RELAX at Shrimpfest!
(See more pics at the end of this newsletter!)

Our next OYC land event will be our **General Membership Meeting** to be held on **Sunday, October 23rd** starting at 2pm, at **Pat Schondel and Vanessa Athena's new home in Lorton VA**. The address will be provided separately. The OYC General Membership Meeting will be held to elect the Officers of the Executive Board for the upcoming membership year. They take office on November 1 and serve for a period of one year. Additionally, the October 23rd General Membership meeting, will also include OYC's famous chili cook-off competition. You will also get another chance to vote for the best "Traditional" and the best "Hot" chili in the

competition. Decide on which category you would like to compete, dust off that award-winning recipe; and if interested, plan to bring a crock pot of your famous chili for all to sample. I believe Steve Preda won the "Traditional" chili competition the last two years in a row with his Carolina chili recipe, and Mark Lawton won the "Hot" chili category with a recipe so tasty and yet so hot, the Lite beer even tasted good. Be advised, the "Hot" chili category is not for the faint of heart. I'll send an email blast with additional details as we get closer to this event. Finally, and as part of a customary tradition in yachting, the OYC formal **Change of Watch (COW)** ceremony and gala will be held this year at the Ft Belvoir Officers Club on **Saturday November 12th** starting at 6:30PM. Additional details with regard to the COW will also be provided separately. Please mark these important dates on your calendar, and we look forward to seeing all of our yacht club friends at these next two fun-packed events.

Our next OYC first Friday of the month happy hour event will be a BYOB on Friday October 7th starting at 5pm on OHM E-Dock in front of "Lady Min". A special thanks to Bob and Min Hill for coordinating. Bring your favorite beverage, a chair, and an appetizer dish to share. I'll send an email blast with additional details the first week in October. Enjoy!

Cheers!

Jerry & Susan, *Dig Life*



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Winter Safety!



They say that the day you buy a boat and the day you sell it are the two happiest days of your life. But somewhere in that time span, you may be faced with the less joyful prospect of prepping your pricey toy for boat storage. When it comes time to take the boat out of the water for the season, self-storage is a quick and easy solution to keep your boat secure for the winter.

The first thing to do is consult your boat's owner's manual or manufacturer's website, because the last thing you want to do is void your warranty with a botched do-it-yourself haul-out.

Next, decide how and where you're going to store your boat.

Unless you're blessed with one of those McMansion-sized garages or extremely tolerant neighbors who won't mind a boat parked on your lawn all winter, a self-storage facility is a good choice. Quality affordable, self-storage options include a secure outdoor facility and a quality boat cover or shrink-wrapping.

Jack it Up

When you chart your way to winter storage, be sure to properly support your boat while it's out of the water. Sea Ray cautions that "placement of the hull supports is crucial to ensure that the hull doesn't become distorted and compromised." Whether you use jack stands, blocks, a trailer, or a custom cradle, the engines, bulk heads and keel are critical areas to support. Choosing your support system before you haul out will save you a lot of time and hassle as you get ready to store your boat for the season.

Five Steps to Successful Storage

1. The staff at Markel Marine recommends that before you haul your boat out of the water, you take it out for one more trip. Make note of anything that needs to be repaired or replaced before you winterize you boat. You'll have all season to do maintenance, and when spring comes, you'll be boating while everyone else is fiddling with sticky winches, torn sails and tarnished brightwork. If there's any hull damage, fix it ASAP because cracks can get worse during storage.
2. Get it spic and span. Once it's hauled out, remove the bilge drain plug immediately. Then give your boat's hull and decks a thorough scrubbing to remove gunk, grime, slime and barnacles. Sea Ray recommends cleaning all your thru-hulls and strainers and opening the seacocks so any water can drain out. Leave plenty of time for everything to dry before it goes into storage. This will go faster if you raise the bow of the boat to allow as much water as possible to drain to drain while you perform the other storage preparations. Give the interior a thorough cleaning, too. Clear out the refrigerator lockers, and any other materials that can spoil or mildew over winter. Leave interior lockers open for more air circulation. You might also want to place mildew control bags throughout the cabin and in compartments so you're not greeted by a nasty stink next spring.
3. Avoid engine trouble. When winterizing your boat, Alan Stopko, U.S. Coast Guard Master

Captain, recommends topping off your gas tank and adding a gas stabilizer to reduce possibility of condensation. He says he always runs his engine for approximately 15 minutes to make sure the additives reach the gas already in the fuel lines and engine. Experts at Market Marine advises changing your engine oil and replacing all filters. Also remember to check hoses, belts and clamps, clean your strainers and leave your thru-hull open. While you're at it, flush the coolant system with water, if necessary, and add antifreeze. **Aquaskier warns not to mix ethylene-glycol and propylene-glycol antifreeze formulas as they have different freeze and boiling points.** Thoroughly flush one before using the other. But they also highly recommend that you leave the entire process of engine and fuel-system winterization to a qualified mechanic especially when planning for boat storage during winter months.

4. Clean out the head and other areas. While that certified expert is prepping your engine and fuel system for storage, you'll have more time to clean out the head. Be sure to flush it with plenty of fresh water and to pump out your holding tanks.

Markel Marine's advisors recommend running non-toxic antifreeze through the intake lines, y-valve, macerator and discharge hose. They also say you'll want to drain your fresh water tanks and water heater, and then you should add a non-toxic antifreeze to your water tank and pump it through the plumbing, including ice makers, A/C pumps, sump pumps, fish wells, bilge pumps, and that shower on the transom.

5. Mark Scocco at Bergen Bass Masters says to remove electronics, including your battery and store it all in a warm, dry place. Clean the battery terminals to remove corrosion and grease them lightly. Give the battery a full charge using a charger designed specifically for a marine battery and check fluid levels.

Phew!!!! Preparing your boat for storage is a lot of work, but it's all part of routine maintenance. Neglect it, and your insurance might not cover any resulting damage.

Besides, when spring comes, while your boating buddies are dealing with boat damage brought on by winter, you'll be the first one back in the water!!!

OYC Secretary
Michele E. Adams, *Our Therapy*



IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE Bud Bishop



OYC UPCOMING ELECTION

From the desk of the IPC

OYC, one of the last duties of the Immediate Past Commodore is to ready the nominations for next year's board.

This year, the members of the nominating committee have done an outstanding job and are pleased to nominate:

Bob Hill as Commodore
Jerry Tarasek as Vice Commodore
Wayne Beal as Rear Commodore
Jeff Hughey as Secretary
Johnny Deditius as Treasurer

If you wish to run for a position and your name is not listed, the by-laws have a process you can follow and that process has been included in all of the emails I've sent out during the past month. By the time this article is printed, however, it will be too late for you to comply with the by-law process to add your name to the list (but I wanted to call your attention to those procedures so you may use them in the future if you so desire).

Six-Pak USCG License. I am also happy to announce that we have found an avenue to get a reduced rate for the Six-Pak USCG License. This license allows you to carry less than six passengers on a commercial charter (earning money for your boat if you so desire). It is also a great way to get fully trained and certified by the agency that husbands our nation's waters...the USCG. We are shooting for a week over the winter to take this course so we don't have to disrupt our boating season. Let me know by email if you would like to take this week-long course. The cost will be roughly \$600.

IPC Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*!!!
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Thanks to everyone who shopped at the Shrimpfest! Beautiful day and super yummy food. Even though the 2016 boating season is almost over, it's always shopping time! I still have lots of goodies – so work on your holiday shopping list and bring it with you to the meeting Oct 23rd.



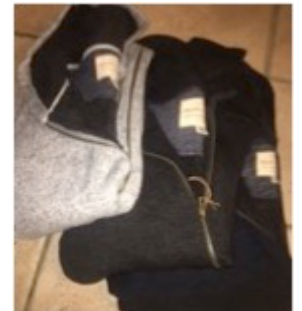
Remember, send me your boat logo and we can have it digitalized (small onetime fee) and then put it on ANYTHING!

Brand New! Fleece-lined Hoodies (email me to order)

3 colors: White/Grey,
Grey/Black, Navy/Black

Available in M, L, XL, XXL
\$45 with either OYC Flag

Monogram or your Boat
Logo



Last, for the little girl in your life, how about one of these beautiful handmade necklaces, **only \$28**.



Pictured: Mermaid and Ballerina (blonde and brunette available), Cupcake & Seahorse

Also available: Dogs (Basset Hound, Chihuahua, Cocker Spaniel, & Poodle), Flora, Tuttle, Elephant, Giraffe, & Octopus (email me for more pictures)

Ilana Cumbey, *Lala's Para'Dice*



Flag Poles and Mounts

Contact PC Joe Livingston

Members,

The Swiveler Flag Pole set is designed to fly the club's 12 " burgee. Many of our members consider this flag pole the best on the market; and the solid machined 316 stainless steel pole, with rotating clips and machined iodized aluminum mount, securely holds and protects the flag. Review at www.originalswiveler.com.

Each set costs \$65, and the mount is milled to a specific diameter. To order, send me an email indicating how many sets you wish to purchase, give the exact diameter of you rail (measure...do not guess). I find it easiest to use an adjustable wrench slid over the rail and then measure that opening in inches. Many rails are 1", 1-1/8", or 1-1/4" in diameter. Sets are currently available.

The \$65 will be payable by check or cash to Joe Livingston. Please contact me at joseph.livingston@verizon.net or at 703-505-8313.

PC Joe Livingston, Gail Lynn II



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Look, it's the truth, it's actual, everything is satisfactual ... (hum a tune here for Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah)! We have new members! Please help me welcome George and Kathy (Kay) Baird. They are docking their new 50-foot Prestige named *Topaz* at Occoquan Harbor Marina (OHM). Welcome aboard! You

are joining a great group of folks who enjoy a great time and boating safety.

As a reminder... if you know of someone who is interested in joining but thinking the season is coming to a close, encourage them to join NOW! The Membership Chairman, at the direction of the Executive Board, will begin issuing new memberships for the up-coming membership year beginning October 1st. Those issued Regular Memberships are eligible to attend all events and vote at the upcoming General Membership Meeting.

Wayne Beal, *Wayne's World*



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Keep in touch with your boating friends! If you haven't received your copy of the 2016 OYC Directory, please contact me so we can arrange a time to meet. Also, if you have pictures of your boat, crew or friends at any of our events, please send them to me for inclusion on the website.

Thanks!

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*



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For any new members or in case you need a refresher... Please log onto www.occoquanyachtclub.org and enter your username and password in the lower left. Please contact me if you don't have one or if you've forgotten it.

Once logged in, the *Members Only* section will appear at the bottom of the left column and you will see the *Your Profile* and *Cruise Sign-Up* options. Use the *Profile* option to just update all of your personal and boat information; and use the *Cruise Sign-Up* option to select your cruises. To sign up, review your contact and boat information as you scroll down the page to the cruise sign-up portion. Simply select *yes*, *no*, or *maybe*. Selecting *yes* or *maybe* does not obligate you to the event. It only assures that you will get additional information from the coordinator. *No* opts you out of any further information regarding that event. You can always log back in and adjust your preferences if you change your mind. Don't forget to select *Submit* at the bottom of the page. Thank you.

Hope to see you on the water. Be safe out there!
PC Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



CRUISE NEWS

Cruising the Chesapeake - Part 2 *The continuation of the cruise report and travelogue of Bay Cruise 2016* **And Then There Were Three . . .**

By PC Harry Croft

After a busy two weeks, beginning with the Float-In and moving on to a tour of favorite Bay destinations with as many as eight boats, our cruise group now dwindled to just three boats: *Takin' It Easy*, *Two*, and *Bay Dreamer*. On the first day of this segment of our journey, we cruised out of Baltimore's Inner Harbor and passed by Hart-Miller Island on our way to the Sassafras River on the Eastern Shore.

Unlike most islands in the Chesapeake, Hart-Miller is growing in size, not diminishing. The half-mile section between Hart and Miller islands was developed into a 1,200-acre impoundment area to serve as a dumping ground for dredging spoils from Baltimore's harbor and shipping channels. The impoundment area on the eastern side is off-limits to visitors, but the sandy beach on the western side of Hart-Miller attracts hundreds of boaters on summer weekends. Since we were there on a mid-week morning, we did not expect to encounter a crowd, and were not surprised to find the anchorage deserted.

It had been our intention to make a brief stop there and drop the hook for an hour or so, taking advantage of the sandy bottom and relatively fresh water (no jelly-fish!) to get an underwater view of the boat's props, etc. Unfortunately, close monitoring of the weather forecast had us eager to make haste for our destination, the Sassafras River; so our exploration of Hart-Miller Island consisted of a brief drive-by.

Moving on toward the Sassafras, we maneuvered gingerly through extensive crab pot minefields, greater than any we encountered elsewhere on our entire trip; and all three boats managed to make it through unscathed. We eventually arrived at the wide mouth of the Sassafras and began the pleasant, scenic cruise some fourteen miles upriver to Sassafras Harbor Marina on the north shore at Georgetown, MD., just before the bascule drawbridge at Rt. 213. Halfway there, the river narrows but remains deep, and offers numerous secluded anchorages. Were it not for the predicted storm, we would have anchored for the night, but prudence dictated that we opt instead for the safety of the marina.

Were it not for a recent algae bloom, we would have stopped at one of these fresh-water coves for a refreshing swim. Instead, we motored on, got safely docked at Sassafras Harbor Marina and headed for the

pool. Within a short time, the rain began; and we were obliged to hurry back to our boats, patting ourselves on the back for having made the wise choice. The most intense thunderstorm of the trip ensued, stalling directly over our location for the next hour. We were grateful to be at the docks, not underway or even at anchor on the river in that treacherous storm!

Sassafras Harbor Marina, one of several large marinas on the Sassafras, has 200+ slips, both open and covered, as well as a 70-ton travel lift, a full service department, and friendly, capable staff. It offers many amenities, including an activity center next to the pool and a well-stocked marine store and gift shop. Although the café on the grounds has closed, The Granary Restaurant is just a short walk down the lane; and it is well worth the walk. Dinner there the first night was so impressive, we went back a second night!



Dinner at The Granary in the Sassafras River

All three of our boats were docked on T-heads, affording us a close-up view of the nearby bascule drawbridge, which allows car traffic on Rt. 213 to cross the river. The bridge opens on demand, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and sits so close to the water that any vessel requiring clearance higher than a runabout must request an opening. This provided great entertainment over the three days we were there, watching dozens of vessels of all sizes and types queue up, day and night, to wait for the bridge to raise. Some appeared to simply pass through the opening for a short distance, anchor for just an hour or so, and then turn around to request a bridge opening again for their return downriver. Others went through and docked in front of beautiful waterfront homes along the tree-lined shores; the Sassafras is navigable for several miles above the bridge. Gary took Jo, Susan, and Pat on a scenic tour above the bridge in *Two's* aptly named dinghy, *One-1/2*, which did not require a bridge opening.

After three nights at Sassafras Harbor Marina, it was time to resume our journey back to the Bay, cruising

south and turning back to the western Chesapeake shore for two nights at Annapolis City Dock. We had reservations at Chandler Dock in Ego Alley, previously known as the wall in front of Fawcett Marine Store, which no longer occupies that building. The slips on the opposite side of Ego Alley are on a first-come, first serve basis; so we opted to pay the slightly higher docking fee to guarantee a berth in the heart of Historic Annapolis.



Threatening skies at Annapolis, Chandler Dock on Ego Alley

One FYI note regarding the rules at Annapolis: the 'procedures' letter sent upon confirmation of a reservation states, "Check-in time is no earlier than 1:00 p.m." Plan to abide by this rule!

We arrived at Annapolis Harbor about 12:20, so we called to see if it might be possible to come in early. The guy on the phone took a minute to check, and then said our slips were open, so we could come on in – just hail the dock master on the radio when we were actually in front of Ego Alley. We got to that point about 12:35; the guy on the radio replied, (somewhat miffed,) "Captain, our check-in time is 1:00 – you may not come in until then." We answered that we had called ahead and had been given the green light, to which he replied, (now decidedly miffed,) "I don't care who told you what, I am the dock master; and I am telling you, don't come in until 1:00!" (Perhaps it is named Ego Alley after the dock master!)

Our little flotilla slowly circled the mooring field in the harbor until the clock struck one. At last, the Dock Master granted permission to enter Ego Alley. We were directed to motor to the top of the alley, turn about to port, and come alongside the wall. By now, the narrow runway was clogged with paddle-boarders displaying a death wish, oblivious to the large motor vessels with which they were competing for limited space, providing us with a few anxious moments. Eventually, all three of our boats were lined up in a row along Chandler Dock without incident, and our crews set out to experience the charming city on foot. Annapolis is well known to most OYC boaters; so a detailed description is not necessary here. We dined at Pussers, had breakfast at Ruth and Chick's Deli, checked out the shops, and even found a

good many Geocaches. (Randy steadfastly declines my invitations, but Gary and Alec got caught up in the hunt.) Despite the continuing heat wave and threats of evening thunderstorms, our visit to Annapolis was delightful.



Dinner at Pussers on Ego Alley in Annapolis

By now we were almost three weeks out, and still had two more destinations and five days to go. The cruise from Annapolis to Solomons was unremarkable until *Two* took a solo side trip to Herrington Harbor South for fuel. As they pulled in, they discerned the foul odor of diesel in the salon. Further investigation revealed a broken diesel line and 20 gallons of diesel fuel in the bilge! What was meant to be a half-hour pit stop turned into a 2-day ordeal arranging for repairs, not to mention the hand-carried disposal of 20 gallons of diesel from the bilge by Gary and Alec. The boat trip was great for father-son bonding, but this was, perhaps, a bit much!

Meanwhile, *Bay Dreamer* and *Takin' It Easy* continued to Solomons. We usually dock at Spring Cove or Solomons Yachting Center, but this time had made reservations at Zahniser's Yacht Center. On previous trips, we had by-passed Zahniser's, noting it seemed to be mainly a sailboat marina. But it has always welcomed powerboats as well; and its powerboat occupancy rate, both transient and annual, has been increasing. Our visit this time has turned us into enthusiastic fans of Zahniser's!


In stark contrast to the Ego Alley dock master, Zahniser's response to our radio hail was a friendly voice welcoming us with, "We've been expecting you!" The hospitable dock master then helped us tie up and gave a short tutorial on everything we needed to know about the marina and Solomons. She was especially understanding of *Two's* situation and saved a slip for them until we knew for sure their repairs would keep them from joining us; there was no charge for the tenuous cancellation.

We spent a good bit of time in the pool here, as the heat wave continued; and we enjoyed the poolside bar and grill for light afternoon fare. Complimentary bicycles made it easy to tour the town. Dinner at the on-site Dry

Dock Restaurant was delightful; the food was excellent, and the view of the harbor from our table on the upstairs, outside porch was spectacular. All in all, Zahniser's may be our new favorite marina in Solomons!

All too soon it was time to leave the Bay and head back up the Potomac for the final stop on our itinerary, White Point Marina on the Yeocomico. It was the perfect place to wind down from the busy cruise before making our way to homeport. *Two*, with repairs complete, rejoined us there. We had the place completely to ourselves; it was even more tranquil than usual. Owner Rob Redfearn was gracious as always, and offered us the Suburban to drive to Callao for dinner at Los Portales, a new Mexican restaurant that earned rave reviews from everyone in our group.

The last night, we had a cook-out on the patio and reflected on the many happy moments of our successful cruise. It was noteworthy that we never encountered bad weather or rough seas while underway between destinations; all of the inclement weather found us snugly tied up at docks. Aside from *Two's* brief detour to repair a diesel line, no one had any major mechanical issues. The July heat was an oppressive influence, but it just made us move a bit more slowly and spend more time in the marina pools. The first half of the cruise gave us the large group experience, sharing the fun with so many, while the second half brought a relaxed pace. We had sampled a broad variety of Chesapeake Bay's destinations and found all of them appealing. It was difficult to deem any one place as the favorite, because we had so enjoyed the whole trip.

PCs Pat & Harry Croft, *Bay Dreamer*


Nationals Ball Game Cruise

By IPC Bud Bishop

Led by our illustrious leader, Pat Schondel, this month's cruise to "The Yards" Marina was a new destination that will certainly play a part in our future cruising. Located a short 300 yard walk to the ball park, OYC members enjoyed dining and took in the scenery in the newly refurbished waterfront near the Navy Yard.

Although Pat Schondel succumbed to the dreaded crud and had to cancel, his merry cruise participants (Mark and Vanessa Davis, aboard *Old School*, Wayne and Garnetta Beal aboard *Wayne's World*, Johnny and Michelle Deditius aboard *Liquid Leisure* and host to Bud and Heidi (boatless ... still), Bruno and Susan Millonig aboard *Extra Innings*, Jeff and Luciana aboard *Fear Knott* ate cooked crabs on the dock while others straggled into the ball game and watched a scoreless

eight innings before the Nat's Harper hit a home run with two men on base and all scored. The Phillies had one chance to come back in the ninth and failed, sealing their fate. Go NATS!

All then had some nice evening docktails aboard *Wayne's World* and retired for the night. Sunday morning brought Mimosa's and Bloody Mary's and, after a short walk to the nearby restaurant, brunch was enjoyed – special hat tip to Bruno and Wayne who ordered and ate the Tower of Power seafood stack!

Following brunch, boats departed to home marinas and Mattawoman for some added fun in the sun!

IPC Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*^{III}





OCTOBER DATEMARKERS

Birthdays

Carole Ellison 10/12
 Caroline Lynn 10/19
 Nancy Stegon 10/21
 Kay Baird 10/23
 Rebecca Heinze 10/31

Anniversaries

Joe & Sally Hoffmaster 10/1
 Wayne & Garnetta Beal 10/2
 Eric Reuter & Lisa Graybill 10/3
 Mike & Kari Langerman 10/11
 Gary & Josephine Brown 10/19
 Joe & Kathy Derenda 10/22



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This is your newsletter. Please feel free to send suggestions or articles.

Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



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SHRIMPFEEST 2016



Chef Jerry making sure everything was perfect...and it was!



Harry, Pat and Greg helped make the day a huge success!



Who is that lurking behind Ilana's Quartermaster rack?!?



Suz being "corny"

2016 OYC Calendar

Month	Day	Time	Event	Location
January	8 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour	Kilroy's
	16 (Sat)		PRYCA COW	Crowne Plaza, Alexandria
	30 (Sat)	1:00 PM	Pre-Planfest	Blu 1681
February	5 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour	Cody's
	20 (Sat)	3:00 PM	Planfest	TBD
March	4 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour	Blu1681
	17 (Thu)	5:00 PM	St. Patrick's Day	Madigan's
	19 (Sat)	2:00 PM	General Membership / Photo Contest	TBD
April	1 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour	TBD
	15 (Fri) - 17 (Sun)		Cherry Blossom	TBD
	16 (Sat)		Occoquan River Cleanup	TBD
	22 (Fri) - 24 (Sun)		Wine Festival / Early Bird	National Harbor
May	6 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour	Blu1681
	7 (Sat)	12:00 PM	Flag Raising	OHM
	21 (Sat)	10:00 AM	ORMA Blessing of the Fleet	Occoquan River
	27 (Fri) - 30 (Mon)		Memorial Day Weekend Cruise	Colonial Beach
June	3 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - Docktail party BYOB	OHM E-dock
	4 (Sat)	2:00 PM	Hawaiian Party	OHM
	17 (Fri) - 19 (Sun)		Cobb Island/Summer Kick-off	Cobb Island
	26 (Sat)		Raft-Up for Tim's Not the 4th of July Fireworks	Mattawoman
July	1 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - Docktail party BYOB	Belmont Bay Marina
	4 (Mon)		Raft-Up for 4th of July Fireworks	Potomac River
	9 (Sat)		Raft-Up Tim's II not the 4th of July Fireworks	Tim's II/Fairview
	9 (Sat)	2:00 PM	Float-In Practice	Dooley's
	15 (Fri) - 17 (Sun)		Float-In / Cup	Pt Lookout Mar
	17 (Sun) - 8 (Mon)		Croft Cruise	Northern Bay
August	5 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - Docktail party BYOB	OHM A-dock
	6 (Sat) - 7 (Sun)		Gilligan's Raft-Up	Gilligan's Pier
	12 (Fri) - 14 (Sun)		Old Town Alexandria	Alexandria City Marina
	19 (Fri) - 21 (Sun)		Aquia Harbour Dog Days	Aquia Harbour
September	2 (Fri) - 5 (Mon)		Cristfield's Cruise	Crisfield MD
	9 (Fri) - 11 (Sun)		Nationals Baseball Game	James Creek Marina
	(17) Sat	3:00 PM	Shrimpfest	Belmont Bay
October	7 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour	TBD
	7 (Fri) - 11 (Mon)		Tides Inn	Irvington VA
	22 (Sat)	3:00 PM	General Membership/Elections/Chili Cook-off	TBD
November	4 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - Docktail party	National Harbor
	4 (Fri) - 6 (Sun)		Hardy Souls Cruise	National Harbor
	19 (Sat)		OYC COW	TBD
December	2 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - Docktail party	TBD
	2 (Fri) - 4 (Sun)		Parade of Lights	TBD
January	27 (Fri) - 29 (Sun)		2017 PRYCA Change of Watch	Crowne Plaza, Alexandria